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DECLARATION OF PHILIP WHEELER

I, PHILIP WHELLER, hereby declare as follows:

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- 1. I am a Docketing Specialist for Oppenheimer, Wolff and Donnelly LLP. Oppenheimer, Wolff and Donnelly LLP, whom represents the Applicant in the above identified patent application.
- 2. My duties as a Docketing Specialist include: (1) Maintain dockets for all Minneapolis and Santa Monica offices in patent and trademark matters; (2) Review all incoming correspondence from the U.S.P.T.O. and foreign associates to determine docket action items and flag important information to the appropriate attorney; (3) Run monthly docketing reports for patents and trademarks and distribute to appropriate secretaries and attorneys; (4) Review docketed actions due for each attorney with their secretary on a weekly basis; and (5) Monitor

the accuracy of the patent and trademark properties issued by the U.S.P.T.O. and take corrective action where necessary.

- 3. Typically, our normal docketing procedure is to record receipt of correspondence from the U.S.P.T.O. and then route the recorded information to all responsible attorneys and their secretaries. In this case, had we received the Office Action dated January 14, 2003, we would have recorded the information, and subsequently we would have routed the information to Guy P. Smith, Esq., and his secretary Ms. Charlotte Jensen. Also, the shortened one-month statutory period for reply as well as any extensions of time permissible would appear on the docket or patent record sheet. For example, in reference to the above-identified patent application, the Patent Record Sheet (Exhibit A) shows that the last correspondence from the U.S.P.T.O. was recorded on May 28, 2002 (see highlighted region on page 2 of Exhibit A). The correspondence was a restriction requirement mailed on May 22, 2002 from the U.S.P.T.O. This correspondence was then forwarded to Mr. Guy P. Smith (please refer to the top right hand section of the first page of Exhibit A).
- 4. Further, the Patent Record Sheet (Exhibit A) for the above-identified patent application shows that the last entry on the sheet was August 19, 2002, whereby a response to the above identified office action along with extensions of time was filed. There is no other entry after August 19, 2002, either from the U.S.P.T.O or from our office. Thus, our office never received the non-final Office Action dated January 14, 2003. Therefore, to the best of my knowledge we were unaware of the time period for responding, and unavoidably abandoned the above-identified patent application.
- 5. In conclusion, based on my expertise and experience, the above-mentioned communication from the U.S.P.T.O. was never received by our firm and thus never recorded. Therefore, absent a record of receipt of the aforementioned non-final Office Action, the filing of a response to the U.S.P.T.O. in a timely manner was <u>unavoidable</u>. Stated another way, we unavoidably abandoned the above-identified patent application because we did not know of its existence.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements the like so made are

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punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent application issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Wheeler

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Patent Record Sheet

Other Party 350013-000072/US Docket ID File Reference Alternative Docket IDs Applicant/Patentees Attorneys Smith Guy **Cost Centres** Los Angeles Department SCHOR SETH LAWRENCE inventors Prosecuting/Admin Agent United States of America-Country Representative Agent POLYPEPTIDES, POLYNUCLEOTIDES **Short Title** AND USES THEREOF Tax Receiver / Patent Office Application No. 09/581,651 **Priority** Convention Jun-15-2000 **Application Date** Origin Grant No Patent Type **Grant Date** Non-provisional application Sub Type Independent Claims Pending Status Number of Dependent Claims Sub Status Number of Multiple Dependent Claims **Annuity Instructions** File Status Small Entity ; Licence of Right Claimed Priorities & Parent Records Long Title Abstract Summary 8/19/2002: RESP TO OA W/ EXT AND POA FILED 6/15/02 3/28/2002: RESP TO NOTICE TO COMPLY/SUBMISSION OF SEQUENCE LISTING MAILED 3/27/02 Memo

3/19/2002: IDS MAILED 3/18/02

2/19/2002: NOTICE TO COMPLY MAILED 12/6/01 (NOT REC'D IN OFFICE UNTIL TODAY)

8/1/2001: POSTCARD RE RESP TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 7/23/01 RECD

7/16/2001: PTO DTD 6/21-OFFICE COMMUNICATION NOTICE TO COMPLY (A TRANSFERRED APPL)

12/18/00: NOTICE OF RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT DTD 12/13/00 (GPS)

Action: AMENDMENT(P 30 DAYS): Due Date: 07/21/2001 Done Date: 07/23/2001

Remarks: EXAMINER'S NOTICE TO COMPLY RELATES TO:

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Dec-15-2001	Application Date	09/581,651			Jun-15-2000	
May-28-2002	Restriction Requirement Mailing Date				May-22-2002	:
Oct-02-2002	Notice Re Power of Attorney Recd				Sep-19-2002	!
Sep-20-2000	MISSING REQUIREMENTS-MISSING REQUIREMENTS			Aug-10-2000	Sep-20-2000	
Feb-28-2002	Postcard Rec'd?			Aug-15-2000	Aug-15-2000	
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Feb-28-2002	Response to Notice to Comply Due - 2 Ext.			Mar-06-2002	Mar-06-2002	:
Mar-05-2002	Response to Notice to Comply Due - 3rd Ext			Apr-06-2002	Mar-27-2002	!
Feb-28-2002	Resp to Restriction Req			Jun-22-2002	Jun-21-2002	į
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Jul-19-2001	Resp-Restriction Req-Ext. 2			Aug-22-2002	Aug-19-2002	
Jul-19-2001	Resp-Restriction Req-Ext. 3			Sep-22-2002	Aug-19-2002	
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